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QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L JAKARTA 2966

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: GOI VIEW ON LOS CONFERENCE, ANDAMAN SEA DEMARCATION AND MALA

STRAITS SEPARATION SCHEME

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1. IN MARCH 7 CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNSELOR FONDEPT LEGAL DIRECTOR
HASJIM DJALAL SHARED GOI VIEWS ON NEW YORK LOS INTERSESSIONAL AND
GENEVA PROSPECTS, WHICH COINCIDED MARKEDLY WITH DESCRIPTION
CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. GOI STRONGLY BELIEVED THAT AMERASINGKE SHOULD CONTINUE AS CONFER-
ENCE PRESIDENT BUT AGREED THAT HIS PROSPECTS ARE NOT GOOD, DJALAL
SAID. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRESIDENCE WOULD BE "TEMPTING" FOR GOI
ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER MOCHTAR KUSUMAATMADJO BUT THAT HE COULD NOT
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TAKE IT IF HE WERE NAMED FOREIGN MINISTER IN THE NEXT CABINET AND
THERE MIGHT BE SOME DIFFICULTY IN HIS TAKING IT IF HE WERE NAMED
JUSTICE MINISTER. DJALAL EXPECTED NEW GOI CABINET WOULD BE ANNOUNCED
BEFORE LOS PRESIDENCY ISSUE WAS SETTLED.

3. GOI INTENDED TO PURSUE A "COMPROMISING" ROLE IN BOTH THE SEA-
BEDS AND LL/GDS ISSUES, DJALAL INDICATED, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT

INDONESIA MIGHT HAVE GOTTEN A BIT TOO FAR OUT IN FRONT OF THE G-77 PACK IN THE NEW YORK INTERSESSIONALS. ITS DELEGATION WAS CRITICIZED, FOR EXAMPLE, FOR SUPPORTING AN EXPERTS MEETING ON ARTICLE 150 AND BEING THE ONLY DEVELOPING COUNTRY TO ATTEND. DJALAL SAID HE PERSONALLY FELT SEABEDS ISSUE MIGHT BE HANDLED BY LINKING IN SOME WAY ARTICLE 150 AND 151 AND MEMBERS OF HIS DELEGATION WERE STUDYING MATTER FURTHER. HE EMPHASIZED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS STUDY WAS AT HIS PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT HAS NOT TAKEN POSITION.

4. BELIEVING PERHAPS THAT POLCOUNSELOR HAD COME TO INQUIRE ABOUT STATEMENTS HE AND HIS MINISTER HAD MADE TO PRESS THAT PRESIDENT CARTER'S ENDORSEMENT OF SEABEDS LEGISLATION WAS CAUSE FOR CONCERN OVER GENEVA OUTCOME(WHICH RECEIVED FIRST-PAGE TREATMENT IN JAKARTA NEWSPAPERS), DJALAL SAID HE HAD GAINED IMPRESSION FROM FEBRUARY 13 WASHINGTON POST STORY THAT U.S. WOULD USE PASSAGE OF LEGISLATION AS LEVERAGE AT GENEVA. HE INDICATED IN FACT THAT U.S. SEEMED TO BE TIMING PASSAGE FOR PERIOD BETWEEN NEW YORK INTERSESSIONAL AND GENEVA CONFERENCE. POLCOUNSELOR EXPLAINED IMPRACTICALITY OF BUILDING TIME-PHASED NEGOTIATING SCENARIO AROUND CONGRESSIONAL ACTION BUT AGREED TO QUERY WASHINGTON ON STATUS OF LEGISLATION. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD MOST APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S PROVIDING US APPROPRIATE INFORMATION WHICH COULD BE PASSED TO DJALAL.

5. DJALAL SAID THAT TRILATERAL AGREEMENT ON DELIMITATION OF ANDAMAN SEA INITIALED IN JAKARTA END OF LAST MONTH WAS SIMPLY FORMALITY. PARTIES MERELY EXTENDED LINES ALREADY NEGOTIATED BILATERALLY TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THEIR INTERSECTION, THUS ENDING DOUBT OVER ONLY ONE AND ONE-HALF SQUARE MILES OF WATER WITH NO KNOWN ECONOMIC VALUE.

6. AS HE HAD ALREADY EXPLAINED TO PRESS, DJALAL SAID THAT MARCH 9 MEETING ON MALACCA STRAITS SEPARATION SCHEME WOULD NOT INVOLVE ANY CHANGES IN IMCO APPROVED MODALITIES BUT WOULD FOCUS ON JAPANESE REQUEST FOR TRANSITIONAL PERIOD FOR UNDER KEEL CLEARANCE PROVISIONS ONLY. DJALAL WOULD PROVIDE NO HINT OF GOI POSITION ON TRANSITIONAL PERIOD OTHER THAN TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT INDONESIANS APPRECIATED JAPANESE ARGUMENTS. MASTERS. UNQUOTE VANCE

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